



**LOVE
MY
PET**

Gabriel and Sugar
Pet Parent:
Helene Schorr, East Northport

Letter from the publisher

Ask any pet owner to name the members of their family, and they may name their spouse, their children and often, their dog, cat, parrot or whatever beloved creature with whom they share their home. Pets are typically cared for with abiding love, and their health and well being are as important as any two-legged member of the clan.

And while some members may not get along so well with others under the same roof, everyone gets along, to a greater or lesser degree, with the family dog, cat, et al. If you subscribe to the idea, as I do, that love multiplies, it doesn't divide, then pets in a home increase the love. Better to illustrate the point, when a second child is born, the love for the first child isn't cut in half. Rather the love for the offspring is doubled. In many ways, adding a pet is akin to adding a child to the family mix.



BY LEAH S. DUNAIEF

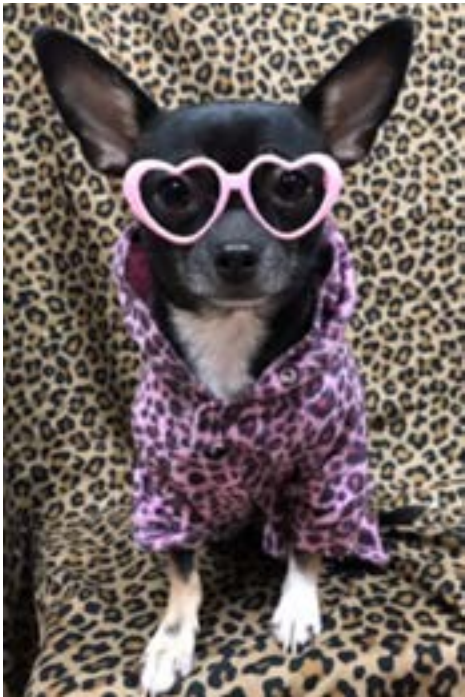
Hence it comes as no surprise that we, at Times Beacon Record News Media, received over 70 pictures of adored pets for this week's Valentine Day's offering, *Love My Pet*. To be able to feature the many dogs, cats, birds, fish and even a frog, we are publishing a separate section.

In the past, I have smiled to myself upon seeing readers in a delicatessen or luncheonette flipping the pet pages of the newspaper and staring at each picture as they are eating their lunch.

The love we have for our pets is joyfully uncomplicated. Perhaps that explains part of the adoration. Another explanation might be that pets, with the exception of parrots, don't talk. Something to be said for that.

Enjoy this special issue and Happy St. Valentine's Day!

♥ LOVE MY PET



Georgina Elizabeth Hill
Pet Parent: Danielle, Hauppauge



Roscoe
Pet Parents: The Bongiorno Family,
East Setauket



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Pet Parent: Harry, Setauket



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Joan Fraser,
East Setauket



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Stony Brook




Sandy
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Sound Beach



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Pet Parent: Debbi O'Rourke,
Rocky Point



Sprinkles

Pet Parent: Jennifer Nyx,
Port Jefferson Station



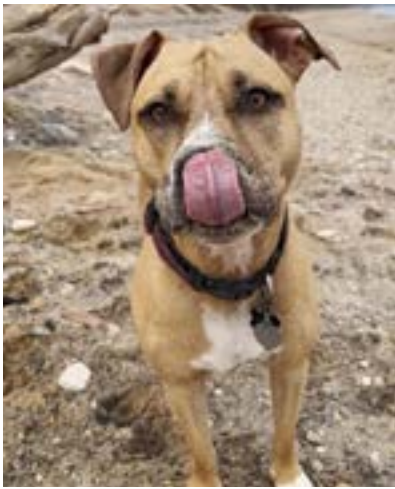
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Coram



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Benavides, Coram



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Zeke
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Pet Parents: The Silverman Family, South Setauket



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Pet Parent: Joann Bell, Port Jefferson



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Port Jefferson



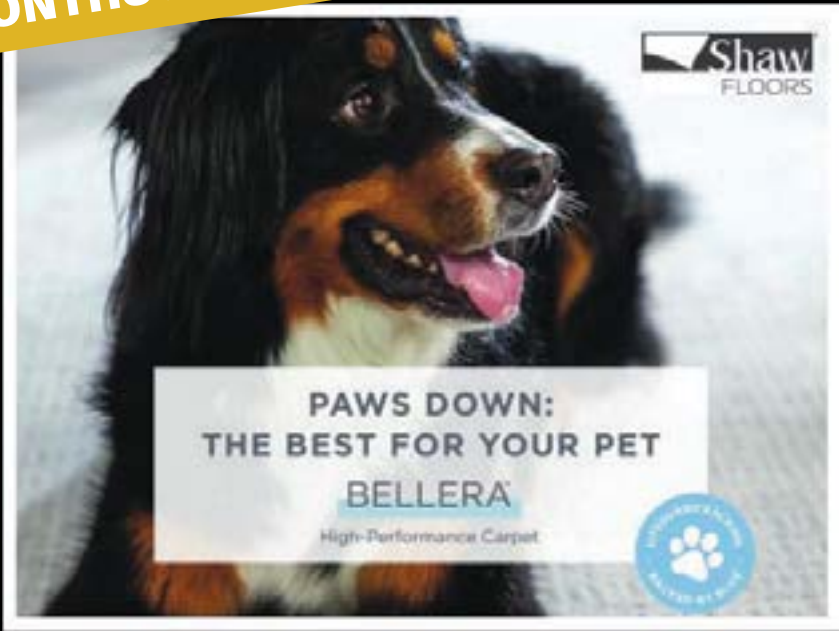
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East Northport



Fluff

Pet Parent: Susan Pellegrino,
Port Jefferson



Emma

Pet Parent: Bea Ruberto,
Sound Beach



Todd the Frog

Pet Parents: The Davey
Family, Stony Brook



Henry

Pet Parents: The Davey
Family, Stony Brook



Nadine

Pet Parent: Mark and Joanne
Forman, Sound Beach



Mugs

Pet Parent: Bruce Stasiuk,
Setauket



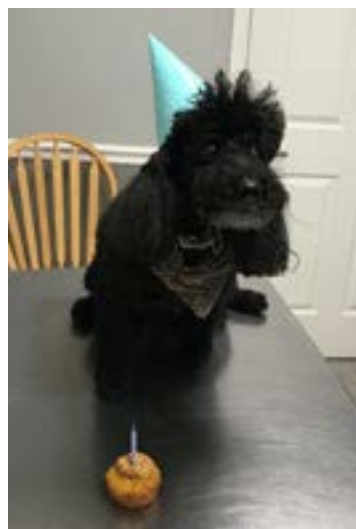
Milo

Pet Parent: Morganne Nofi



Mr. Giggles

Pet Parent: Julianne
Mosher, Coram



Max

Pet Parent: Jen Croce,
Coram



Maggie Mae

Pet Parent: John Broven, East Setauket

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Spoonie

Pet Parents: Adriana and Lev Lubarsky,
East Setauket



Sandy

Pet Parent: Dorothy Cavalier, Mt. Sinai



Rocky

Pet Parents: The Sahin Family,
East Setauket



Otto

Pet Parents: The Bongiorno
Family, East Setauket



Lainey

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Pet Parent: Kathleen Gobos,
Holbrook



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Pet Parent: Jennifer G., East Setauket



Rosie
Pet Parent: Maverick, Setauket



Welcome to the 26th edition of Paw Prints, a monthly column for animal lovers dedicated to helping shelter pets find their furever home.



Meet Ultra

Would you be Ultra's Valentine? Currently up for adoption at Little Shelter in Huntington, this four-year-old Boxer mix is looking for a family with high hopes, an even higher fence, and dog experience, she is ready to put her paw print on adoption papers and change her address to yours! While displaying a calm, dignified demeanor, she's also quick-witted with a good sense of humor, guaranteed to bring a smile to your face. Curious about life and eager to explore the world around her, she's the perfect one to accompany you on all your adventures. Intelligent and loyal, she has all the qualifications of a best friend and lifelong companion. Why go big when you can go Ultra? Stop by to meet her today! 631-368-8770, Ext. 21



Meet Zach & Zoe

Zach, a Morkie and Zoe, a Maltipoo are currently up for adoption at Little Shelter in Huntington. Both eleven years old, they are looking for a home together. Like any old married couple, they can finish each other's sentences, often adding a few embellishments to their many stories. Zoe is the breadwinner and doesn't mind "working" the staff and volunteers for treats to take back for Zach, who prefers to stay on the comfy couch with the remote. Both are enthusiastic, however, when it comes to being your loyal companions and confidants. If these two best friends sound like they could be your best friends, stop by Little Shelter to meet them today! 631-368-8770, Ext. 21



Blaze

Meet Bruce

Bruce is a gentle giant seeking a loving forever home! Currently at Brookhaven Animal Shelter, this 5 to 6-year-old Cane Corso is already well-versed in commands like sit, down, and come. He's housebroken and crate trained, making him an easy addition to your household. If you have experience with guardian breeds and are searching for an amazing dog to bring into your life, Bruce might be the perfect match. His easygoing nature extends to his walks, and he absolutely loves giving you his paw and enjoying cuddle sessions. Bruce values human connection over toys and is ready to bring his unique blend of sweetness and loyalty to your home. If you're ready to welcome Bruce into your life, please visit www.brookhavenny.gov/152/Animal-Shelter and fill out a Matchmaker Application. Your new furry friend awaits! 631-451-6950

Meet Blaze

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Meet Porgy

Porgy is a charming 2-year-old Retriever mix at Brookhaven Animal Shelter looking for his forever home. This sweet boy knows his basics like sit and is eager to learn more, especially when it comes to walking nicely on the leash. Porgy, unfortunately, isn't a fan of other animals, so he'd love to be the sole focus of your affection. Originally arriving as a stray, Porgy has a heartwarming story of resilience. Initially shy, he's been gradually opening up, realizing that new people aren't scary. Porgy is ready to form a strong bond with a loving family. He thrives in environments with children aged 12 and up, making him a great companion for older kids. Porgy enjoys the outdoors, so a spacious yard where he can run around and have a blast would be ideal for him. If you're ready to open your heart and home to this wonderful pup, Porgy is waiting to become your loyal companion. Let's make his journey complete with a loving family and a forever home! Please fill out a Matchmaker Adoption Application at www.brookhavenny.gov/152/Animal-Shelter to arrange a meet and greet. 631-451-6950

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